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# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Comment Period Ends: March 1, 2000**

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**In Reply Refer To: Ted Lento**

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Alice Guiney, The Park at Great Woods Corporation, 100 Federal Street, Mail Stop 01-06-01, Boston, MA 02110 has requested a Corps of Engineers permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to discharge fill material within 1.1 acres of wetland in conjunction with the development of a corporate office park and 18 hole golf course. The proposed work would occur at Great Woods off Oak Street in Norton, Massachusetts and is depicted on attached selected plan drawings and further described as follows:

Fill material will be placed within a total of 47,960 square feet of wetlands to provide access to upland areas on the site, for the construction of boardwalk crossings and for portions of several golf holes. The attached Table 1 lists the eleven separate wetland areas that will be filled. The overstory in approximately 1.7 acres of vegetated wetlands will be removed and actively managed to facilitate sight distance and shot trajectory. Approximately 93,160 square feet of wetland will be created and 207,296 square feet of wetland will be restored or enhanced to ensure that there is no loss of wetland area or function on the project site.

The project purpose is to construct a corporate office park and an 18-hole championship golf course in Norton, Massachusetts.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date. If you have any questions, please contact Ted Lento at (978) 318-8863 or use our toll free number (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367 if calling from within Massachusetts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments, when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

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DETAILS OF EVALUATION  
FACTORS

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The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity in the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that the likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, and further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

(X ) Permit, License or Assent from State.

(X ) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.

(X ) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved Coastal Zone Management Programs. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

**THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.**

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